## CLAIMS

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- 1. A speech recognition system, comprising:
- a features extractor that extracts a multitude of speech features;
- a log-linear function that receives the multitude of speech features to determine a posterior probability of a hypothesized linquistic unit given the extracted multitude of speech features, and
- a search device that consults the log-linear function to determine a recognized output of unknown utterances.
- 2. The speech recognition system of claim 1, wherein the log linear function models the posterior probability using a log linear model
  - 3. The speech recognition system of claim 1, wherein the speech features comprise at least one of asynchronous, overlapping, and statistically non-independent speech features.
  - 4. The speech recognition system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the speech features extracted is derived from incomplete data.
  - 5. The speech recognition system of claim 1, further comprising a loopback.
  - 6. The speech recognition system of claim 1, wherein the features are extracted using direct matching between test data and training data.
    - 7. A speech recognition method, comprising:
- 5 extracting a multitude of speech features;

determining a posterior probability of a hypothesized linquistic unit given the extracted multitude of speech features, and

using a log-linear function, determining a recognized output of unknown utterances.

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- 10 8. The speech recognition method of claim 7, wherein the log linear function models the posterior probability using a log linear model.
  - 9. The speech recognition method of claim 7, wherein the speech features comprise at least one of asynchronous, overlapping, and statistically non-independent speech features.
  - 10. The speech recognition method of claim 7, wherein at least one of the speech features extracted is derived from incomplete data.
  - 11. The speech recognition method of claim 7, further comprising a step of loopback.
  - 12. The speech recognition method of claim 7, wherein the features are extracted using direct matching between test data and training data.